(*b*) whether the Government propose to take any action to overcome the effect of this decision, and if so, what action?

A.—(*a*) The Government have since perused the judgment referred to.

(*b*) The question of amending the rules for the election of members so as to enable women to exercise their franchise without the necessity to unveil their faces before men is engaging the attention of Government.

Medical Administration

Appointment of Demonstrators in the Vizagapatam Medical College.

* 186 *Q.*—Mr. A. Harischandrudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are surplus men in the Madras Medical Service, provincial cadre;

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Government created three posts of demonstrators in the Vizagapatam Medical College to be filled up temporarily by these surplus men till the retrenchment in the Madras Medical Service (provincial) is completed; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that three senior men were posted for these posts when there are surplus junior men in the cadre?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The strength of the Men's section of the Madras Medical Service (General Branch) has not yet been reduced as a measure of retrenchment. There are ten surplus officers if the strength of the section after reduction and the number of temporary posts and vacancies are taken into account.

(*c*) Yes. Assistant Surgeons have been posted to these demonstratorships as a measure of economy even though they are not intended for them.

(*d*) No. The Assistant Surgeons posted to the demonstratorships are not senior men.

Remuneration payable to a House Surgeon in the General Hospital, Madras.

* 187 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the remuneration paid to the House Surgeons in the Government General Hospital at Madras now is and what it was before the retrenchment was brought in;

(*b*) whether the reduction brought in this case was restored as in the case of other appointments;

(*c*) if so, from which date, and, if not, why not; and

(*d*) what the duties are of a House Surgeon in the Government General Hospital at Madras?

A.—(*a*) The subsistence allowance paid to House Surgeons in the General Hospital was reduced from Rs. 50 to Rs. 30 per mensem as a measure of retrenchment.

(*b*) & (*c*) No; the Government see no necessity to raise the amount of subsistence allowance.

(*d*) House Surgeons are resident (paid) or non-resident (unpaid). The latter do not have night duties in the hospital. Both assist the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon of the ward, to which they are posted, and help in the examination and study of patients, assist in operations and take their turn at night or other extra duties that may be allotted to them. Generally their duties consist in helping their seniors on the staff of the hospital.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the Government think that Rs. 30 a month is enough for a House Surgeon to subsist upon?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"That is the remuneration fixed as a result of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"Will the hon. the Minister recommend to the gentlemen concerned in the Retrenchment Committee and the Cabinet to restore the old rate?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Government have considered the matter carefully and they are of opinion that Rs. 30 additional remuneration is sufficient."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether it is the considered opinion of the Government that the minimum living wage for a House Surgeon is Rs. 30?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It is only a remuneration."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether any proposals have been sent up to Government by the Surgeon-General on this question with a view to increase the remuneration?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister is aware of the fact that House Surgeons are not paid any salaries and this is the only allowance paid to them?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I am sorry I made a mistake."

Ear, nose and throat operations performed by Lieut.-Col. Pandalai during the past two years.

* 188 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the number of ear, nose and throat operations performed by the present First Surgeon (Lieut.-Col. Pandalai) in the Government General Hospital during the past two years?